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Idaho Milk Production Up 8.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2003 totaled 717 million pounds, an 8.8 percent increase from the same month last year, but 4.4 percent less than October 2003, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for October 2003 totaled 750 million pounds, down 0.3 percent from the preliminary estimate, but 9.0 percent above October 2002. Average milk production per cow in November 2003 was 1,740 pounds, 50 pounds more than November 2002, but 80 pounds below October 2003. The average number of milk cows during November was 412,000 head, 22,000 head more than November 2002, and unchanged from the previous month.

Nationally, November milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from production in these same States in November 2002. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from October 2002. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 13 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,509 pounds for November, 13 pounds above November 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the major States was 7.71 million head, 82,000 head less than November 2002, and 10,000 head less than October 2003.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2003 As Percent of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	150	150	1,800	1,835	270	275	102
California	1,669	1,706	1,685	1,655	2,812	2,823	100
Florida	147	140	1,155	1,130	170	158	93
IDAHO	390	412	1,690	1,740	659	717	109
Illinois	115	108	1,420	1,450	163	157	96
Indiana	147	143	1,420	1,460	209	209	100
Iowa	208	197	1,470	1,490	306	294	96
Kentucky	120	111	1,020	1,025	122	114	93
Michigan	301	298	1,610	1,635	485	487	100
Minnesota	480	465	1,380	1,400	662	651	98
Missouri	135	125	1,125	1,190	152	149	98
New Mexico	305	320	1,650	1,670	503	534	106
New York	678	658	1,410	1,405	956	924	97
Ohio	261	258	1,350	1,380	352	356	101
Pennsylvania	591	560	1,460	1,420	863	795	92
Texas	310	311	1,345	1,460	417	454	109
Vermont	153	146	1,380	1,415	211	207	98
Virginia	119	109	1,235	1,225	147	134	91
Washington	247	244	1,800	1,795	445	438	98
Wisconsin	1,266	1,249	1,385	1,410	1,753	1,761	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,792	7,710	1,496	1,509	11,657	11,637	100

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2003 totaled 310,000 head, up 3 percent from the December 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was up 5 percent from the number on hand November 1, 2003.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 64,000 head, up 4,000 from November 2002 placements. Marketings during November totaled 47,000 head, down 6,000 from the November 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4

percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.83 million.

During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	December 1, 2002	November 1, 2003	December 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of November
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	295	278	284	96	102
California	500	495	500	100	101
Colorado	1,070	1,050	1,060	99	101
Idaho	300	295	310	103	105
Iowa	350	350	370	106	106
Kansas	2,300	2,430	2,480	108	102
Nebraska	2,180	2,140	2,280	105	107
New Mexico	123	118	121	98	103
Oklahoma	340	350	350	103	100
South Dakota	195	177	200	103	113
Texas	2,700	2,840	2,840	105	100
Washington	195	195	205	105	105
Other States	350	320	330	94	103
United States	10,898	11,038	11,330	104	103

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato and Dairy Product Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on November 30, 2003, totaled 968 million pounds, down 1 percent from October 31, 2003, but up 1 percent from November 30, 2002. Other frozen potatoes, at 265 million pounds, were down 5 percent from October stocks but up 3 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 2003, totaled 123 million pounds, down 28 percent from the end of the previous month and down 9 percent from November 30, 2002. Of this 123 million pounds, the government owned 8.70 million pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 467 million pounds, down 5 percent from October 31, 2003, and down 1 percent from last year. The government owned 6.92 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

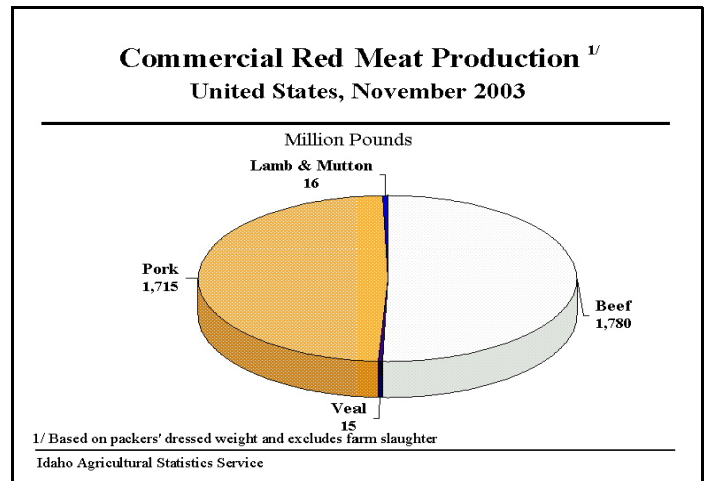
Commodity	Nov. 30, 2002	Oct. 31, 2003	Nov. 30, 2003	2003 2002
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	957,161	974,023	967,988	101
Other Frozen	257,214	279,923	264,567	103
TOTAL	1,214,375	1,253,946	1,232,555	101
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	135,632	170,154	123,187	91
(Gov't. Owned)	1,021	11,084	8,703	852
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	474,055	491,098	467,455	99
(Gov't. Owned)	463	9,473	6,918	1,494

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 21 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2003 totaled 42.4 million pounds, down 21 percent from last year. November production was down 11 percent from October's 47.9 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2003 period totaled 533 million pounds, down 7 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.53 billion pounds in November, down 10 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in November 2002. Beef production, at 1.78 billion pounds, was 18 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.43 million head, down 15 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,236 pounds. Veal production totaled 15.2 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78,000 head, down 14 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.58 million head, 1 percent below November 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from November 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,300 head, 13 percent below last year.

The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago. January to November 2003 commercial red meat production was 42.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	November 2003 As Percent Of 2/	
				November 2002	October 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	36.1	34.2	28.9	80	85
California	109.5	127.4	109.9	100	86
Colorado	153.4	155.7	125.4	82	80
IDAHO	53.9	47.9	42.4	79	89
Illinois	233.2	*233.9	201.8	87	86
Iowa	541.7	615.2	567.8	105	92
Kansas	458.5	478.2	387.8	85	81
Minnesota	201.2	220.0	191.6	95	87
Montana	1.4	1.5	1.4	98	91
Nebraska	630.1	616.8	489.6	78	79
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	101	84
Oklahoma	86.9	92.8	83.7	96	90
Oregon	3.4	3.5	3.1	92	88
South Dakota	74.8	88.6	80.6	108	91
Texas	387.2	407.4	327.3	85	80
Utah	40.6	36.8	27.6	68	75
Washington	53.0	54.7	44.6	84	82
Wyoming	0.4	0.2	0.5	103	201
UNITED STATES	3,907.1	*4,154.4	3,526.0	90	85

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

2003 Hop Production

Hop production for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in 2003 totaled 54.6 million pounds, down 6 percent from the 2002 crop of 58.3 million pounds, and 18 percent below the 2001 production of 66.8 million pounds. Production in 2003 for Washington, Oregon and Idaho dropped 8 percent, 1 percent, and 5 percent, respectively. Washington showed a 4 percent acreage decrease in 2003.

Both Idaho and Oregon had small increases in their 2003 acreage. Yields declined in all three States in 2003. Washington with 2,050 pounds per acre, was down 83 pounds from last year. Oregon's average yield dropped to 66 pounds, to 1,626 pounds per acre in 2003. In Idaho, yields averaged 1,536 pounds per acre, 88 pounds less than a year ago.

Hop: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, 2001-03

Year	Harvested	Yield per Harvest Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value per Harvested Acre
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>\$ per Pound</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Idaho						
2001	3,469	1,329	4,609.3	1.59	7,329	2,113
2002	3,399	1,624	5,519.6	1.58	8,721	2,566
2003	3,429	1,536	5,266.3	1.62	8,531	2,488
Oregon						
2001	6,103	1,875	11,443.2	2.15	24,603	4,031
2002	5,577	1,692	9,438.0	2.07	19,537	3,503
2003	5,748	1,626	9,347.6	2.32	21,686	3,773
Washington						
2001	26,339	1,928	50,779.6	1.81	91,911	3,490
2002	20,333	2,133	43,379.0	1.92	83,288	4,096
2003	19,492	2,050	39,951.2	1.84	73,510	3,771
United States						
2001	35,911	1,861	66,832.1	1.85	123,843	3,449
2002	29,309	1,990	58,336.6	1.91	111,546	3,086
2003	28,669	1,903	54,565.1	1.90	103,727	3,618